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Today's Weather

It will be generally fair with some clouds appearing at times. Winds will be light and variable. In Amman, it will be cloudy with northerly moderate winds and calm seas.

	Overnight	Daytime
Amman	Low 5	High 14
Agaba	5	22
Deserts	6	20
Jordan Valley	13	25

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 18, Agaba 21, Sunset Thursday: 4:34 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow: 6:34 a.m.

Syrians shell Israeli allies in South Lebanon

IRUT, Dec. 20 (Agencies) — Syria upped political ante in southern Lebanon today, firing a barrage of artillery rounds at Israeli-backed Christian militiamen. Israel denied having any tanks in the area.

An artillery barrage came in today for an Israeli strike on Palestinian bases 24 hours after in which three Syrian fighting troops were killed and others injured, a military spokesman said in Damascus.

Two days of fighting escalated tensions in the south and raised the possibility of direct military confrontations between Syria and Israel.

On Sunday, Syrian cannons opened up at Irut and U.N. sources said Syrian militiamen returned fire. U.N. encampments were hit by 46 shells but no injuries resulted, spokesman Samir Sanbar said.

Views today's Syrian shellings as a dangerous new development and is closely watching the situation, a government spokesman said.

He said today's Syrian shellings an isolated incident, the spokesman said. "It is a new development and a very serious view of it. It is completely unjustified and we are watching developments."

Close to the nine-member U.N. force as a buffer between the two sides said the shells came from the direction of Palestinian camps and the shelling of the camps "appeared intentional."

Sources in Tel Aviv said the number of Lebanese injured near Marjayoun, of Christian militia leader Haddad's "Free Lebanon" which runs along the border.

Damascus communique said an artillery barrage was "in response to Israeli aggression."

Wazzan binet OK

Dec. 20 (AP) — Lebanon government of Prime Shafiq Wazzan won a confidence in Parliament today that gave it a mandate to try to end the nation's post-civil war political and security crisis.

Wote was 41-6 for Mr. Wazzan's cabinet. It was on Oct. 25 to replace the late Premier Salim al-Murad, the Muslim banker-politician who held the reins since the civil war ended in November.

Two-month delay in bringing the cabinet to Parliament for approval was due to a controversy over the Muslim Shafiq Wazzan's leadership.

Amal, the fighting force, Lebanon's 900,000 Shi'ite Muslims demanded a share in the government's new cabinet.

But President Elias Haddad eventually gave Amal's leadership into his veto and all four ministers were reinstated.

killed in Aleppo raid

ASCUS, Dec. 20 (R) — Nine members of the outlawed Muslim Brotherhood organisation were killed when security forces raided their hideout in Aleppo yesterday, an official spokesman said.

The security forces seized weapons, ammunition, uniforms and number of forged identity cards and documents.

The raid followed the killing of a university professor and a prominent Muslim cleric in Damascus on Tuesday.

The government blamed the double murder on the Brotherhood, a group responsible for a string of killings and bombings in Syria in the last two years.



Exiled mayors Mohammad Milhem of Hebron, left, and Fahd Qawasmil of Hebron, right, confer with Ambassador Clovis Maksoud of the Arab League at the United Nations on Friday as the two West Bank officials begin their protest hunger strike. (AP wirephoto)

Iraq, Iran trade air attacks; Benjedid in new peace bid

BEIRUT, Dec. 20 (AP) — Iraq and Iran renewed air assaults on each other's oil centres today as their troops and armour battled in static war theatres in Iran's oil province of Khuzestan and the freezing western highlands, military officials said.

Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, summoned President Abol Hassan Bani-Sadr from the battlefield for a war council in Tehran as Iran revealed the presence of volunteers from Afghanistan fighting against Iraq, according to Iran's official Pars news agency.

Algerian President Chadli Benjedid discussed a new peace-making bid to end the 90-day-old Gulf war by the reinstatement of the two nations' 1975 border treaty as a first step toward a ceasefire.

"We are waiting for answers," President Benjedid told the Paris-based Arabic-language magazine *Al Mousakhalat*. "We hope both sides will give us an opportunity to do our duty... to stop the painful shed of Arab and Muslim blood."

The president said his proposal was made about a month ago within the context of Algeria's responsibility as co-signatory of the 1975 treaty that Iraq abrogated five days before the war broke out on Sept. 22.

Iraqi communiques claimed 48 Iranian soldiers were killed in 24 hours of combat around Khuzestan's oil-refining city of Abadan, saying several enemy grenade-throwing assaults on Iraqi forward positions were repulsed.

Iraq said its helicopter gunships rocketed Abadan's giant refining complex, setting new fires in the refinery that provided 60 per cent of Iran's pre-war fuel needs.

Abadan is the last major Iranian stronghold on the 200-kilometre Shatt-Al-Arab waterway. The main war prize Iraq is gunning for. The estuary is Iraq's only outlet to the Gulf.

The abrogated treaty of 1975 put the two nations' southern border in the Shatt-Al-Arab, Iraq claimed before.

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Hostages' release boils down to money

TEHRAN, Dec. 20 (R) — Iran's demand for the return of the late Shah's wealth was pinpointed by Prime Minister Mohammad Ali Raja'i today as "the problem" in dealings with Washington over the release of 52 American hostages.

Meanwhile, Swiss diplomats said they were trying to arrange for yuletide religious services and parties to be held for the hostages, who seem destined to spend their second Christmas in captivity.

Mr. Raja'i, giving further details of Iran's proposals relayed to Washington through Algerian envoys, said: "The problem is that of the properties of the Shah which we asked them to return to us."

He said there was no detailed information on the size of the fortune, which Iranian officials previously estimated at \$32 billion. To overcome this Iran had proposed that the U.S. government place a "guarantee" — a cash deposit — with the Algerian government, the prime minister told Tehran Radio.

Mr. Raja'i explained that when "any amount or sum of the property of the Shah becomes clear, we could take it from the guarantee."

He added that the United States should not let the sum to be placed with the Algerians fall below a certain level, implying that Iran wants Washington to keep the deposit topped up as the Iranians made withdrawals.

Diplomats who have followed the U.S.-Iranian exchanges over the hostages said Mr. Raja'i's comments appeared to be only a bare outline of what was contained in Tehran's latest message.

The diplomats said Iran had proposed that it should have access to the deposit if agreed legal moves aimed at tracing and returning the Shah's money failed.

Mr. Raja'i said all the issues over the hostages could be solved, but he dismissed any suggestion that Iran was diluting the four release conditions set by the Iranian Majlis (parliament) nearly seven weeks ago.

"As long as the slightest part of these conditions remains, the hostages will not leave Iran," the prime minister said.

Security Council urges their return 2 exiled mayors begin hunger strike at U.N.

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 20 (JT/Reuters) — Two West Bank mayors expelled by Israel have begun a hunger strike at U.N. headquarters after the Security Council said it was imperative for them to be allowed back home.

Mayors Fahd Qawasmil of Hebron and Mohammad Milhem of Hebron settled into easy chairs last night in a small lounge next to the council chamber and told reporters they would remain there, taking no food and drinking sugared only water.

They said they had not yet decided how long their protest would last. Friends, including several Arab diplomats, sat with them during the evening.

Last night was the third time the council had called for the mayors to be allowed to return home since their expulsion in May for alleged involvement after six Israelis were killed in an ambush in Hebron.

The two Palestinians, who took part in the council debate, arrived in New York last week after appealing unsuccessfully to the Israeli supreme court against their deportation.

Last night the mayors were given pillows, blankets and cushions and slept in the ambassadors' lounge just outside the Security Council chambers. A U.N. spokesman told the Jordan Times the mayors will be given all the facilities they need during their stay.

Both mayors felt ill on Thursday with "a touch of flu" but report they are feeling better now. They haven't given up cigarettes during their fast.

No extra security has been requested for the mayors' vigil. The heat is turned off late at night in the U.N. building, though it was kept on in the lounge where the mayors slept.

The two men called their families yesterday to tell them about the hunger strike.

"Their trust in the United Nations enables them to wait until the resolution (on their return) is implemented, and their hunger strike is to signal their faith in the U.N.," Arab League Ambassador Clovis Maksoud said of the mayors today.

Mr. Maksoud told reporters the Security Council's credibility was at stake in the controversy over the mayors' return.

Mayor Qawasmil told reporters they would not ask for beds and that the U.N. lounge was "better than an Israeli prison." They spent 52 days in custody and staged a 10-day hunger strike while awaiting the outcome of their appeal to the Israeli supreme court, he said.

Mr. Milhem said they had

planned to stage the sit-in before arriving in New York. They had not been influenced by recent reports of hunger strikes by Irish Republican prisoners in Northern Ireland, he told a questioner.

"We read about terror in the West Bank—they lived it," Mr. Bishara said of the mayors. "We read about emergency

addressed the council.

Text of U.N. resolution

Following is the text of the Security Council resolution on the mayors approved Friday:

- The Security Council, Recalling its resolutions 468 (1980) and 469 (1980), Taking note of General Assembly Resolution 35/123 F, Expressing its grave concern at the expulsion by Israel of the mayor of Hebron and the mayor of Hebron, 1. REAFFIRMS the applicability of the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949 to all the Arab territories occupied by Israel in 1967 2. CALLS UPON Israel, the occupying power, to adhere to the provisions of the convention 3. DECLARES it imperative that the mayor of Hebron and the mayor of Hebron be enabled to return to their homes and resume their responsibilities 4. REQUESTS the secretary general to report on the implementation of this resolution as soon as possible.

decree—they are the victims. They will present their case and truth is their weapon, knowledge is their ammunition.

"Their presence here is an indictment of Israel. Their plight is an indisputable proof of Israel's brutal and ruthless policy. They will reveal what they went through and about which we read."

Mr. Bishara said it is sad that the West Bank has become a "land of no law, in violation of international law, in breach of the United Nations Charter and in defiance of the international community." He said the Israeli policy was an invitation to war and "by no means conducive to peace."

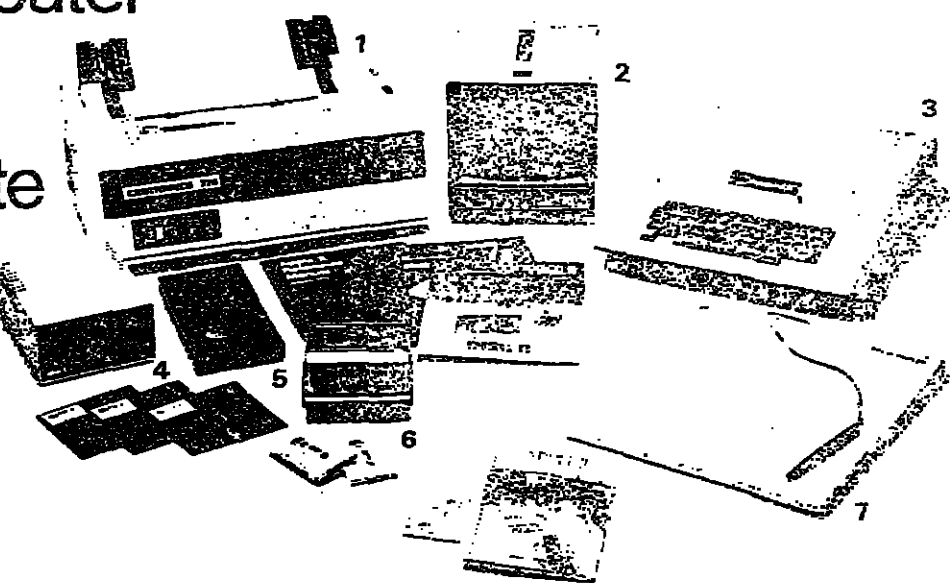
He added that the policy of de-Arabisation by expulsion and by the removal of leading personalities would not succeed.

Mr. Bishara called the deported leaders a "symbol of Palestinian resistance to the brutal measures imposed on the West Bank. Our support for the cause of the mayors is a signal to the people under occupation that they are not alone in their opposition to brutality, that their cause is just and that the world, through the Security Council, has not turned a blind eye to their plight."

Israeli Ambassador Yehuda Blum said during the debate the mayors had been "actively and systematically engaged in inciting the local population to violence and subversion."

Before the two mayors spoke, Mr. Abdullah Bishara, the Kuwaiti U.N. representative,

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Back to basics

SHOULD the Arabs get too excited about the impending accession to power in Israel of the Labour Party under Mr. Simon Peres? Similarly, should Mr. Peres' Labour "doctors" exercise themselves too much at this stage about the prospect, once they come to power, of Jordan and the other Arab states in general, and the Palestinians in particular, queuing up to make a deal with Labour for ever-lasting peace in the Middle East?

The answer to both would seem to be: not likely.

Nothing in Labour's platform, or in Peres' dovish leaning, or in his repeated and somewhat cynical statements about a "Jordanian option", can alter the facts: it is the Arabs who are the aggrieved party in the Arab-Israeli conflict; it is the Arabs who want their homes back, their land back, their country back, and no formula aimed at achieving that is conceivable unless it provides for an immediate Israeli withdrawal from the occupied territories at the starting point, not the end goal, for any discussions or negotiations in any forum.

Similarly, Labour would be just as misguided as any other party or bloc in Israel in imagining that negotiations about the future disposition of Arab Palestine can be conducted without the full and open participation of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, the legitimate representatives of the dispossessed and dispersed Palestinian people. Nor should Labour start to imagine that the PLO will accept any "conditions" for its contemplated participation in any peace negotiations: talk of the PLO "recognising" the existence of Israel can only logically infer the recognition by Israel of the PLO in its proper role, for a start.

So much for the Israelis. The Arabs, for their part, have debated time and again their eagerness to see this dispute ended in all its dimensions on the basis of a just and durable settlement guaranteeing the evacuation of Israeli forces from every last centimetre of Arab land, and the right of the Palestinian people to return to their homes and their land — their homeland — and to live in peace and security there. It is up to Israel, as the aggressive and occupying power, to decide how best to achieve that. This will be Mr. Peres' task.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA'Y: Israeli acts of aggression are almost a daily phenomenon, and the complaints submitted to the U.N. Security Council against these acts have become routine measures which will not benefit or help improve the situation.

What is strange is that there is no Arab reaction to these acts of aggression, particularly on the part of the Syrian regime, which has so often bragged that it holds the big stick in Lebanon, when in fact Syria should have used this stick against the aggressor.

It seems that this regime is busy using its stick inside Lebanon for other purposes, unrelated to its security or safety, as much as it is preoccupied inside Syria with consolidating its own position.

On the other hand, the indifferent posture taken by Washington toward these acts of aggression should not continue, because it is U.S.-made weapons which Israel is using.

The look of pity or concern borne by the European countries in reaction to these acts of aggression is not enough, particularly since their continuation would place obstacles in the way of the European initiative.

The insistence of the Israeli aggressors on violating the sovereignty of Lebanon suggests that they have an idea of taking the Camp David process there. Needless to say, such a concept is futile, and the new American administration would do well to understand this fact so that it might not, when assuming office, find itself involved in the mistakes and policies of the present administration.

DUSTOUR: When Israel unleashed its savage aggression on southern Lebanon last August, Israeli Chief of Staff Rafael Eitan said the aim of the military action was to keep Lebanon weak in the Arab confrontation with Israel, and to cause the attrition of the Palestinian resistance there.

Since the summer of 1979, Israel has been unleashing one attack after another on southern Lebanon, destroying villages and camps and killing Palestinian and Lebanese citizens in an overt war of annihilation, within the sight and hearing of the United Nations and the world.

It was not strange that Israel made its new onslaught on southern Lebanon Friday, just as the U.N. Security Council was renewing the mandate of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon. Israel wanted to display again its blatant defiance of the international organisation and its forces, which have become incapable of performing their basic duty of imposing the authority of the Lebanese state in the south.

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U.S. military chief sees Shaker



AMMAN, Dec. 20 (Petra) — The visiting chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. David Jones, today called on the commander-in-chief of the Jordanian armed forces, Lt. Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker. The meeting at the army headquarters was attended by the army chief of staff and the American ambassador to Jordan, Mr. Nicholas Veliotis. Gen. Jones arrived here last night for a visit to last until Dec. 22, at the invitation of Sharif Zaid.

Badran meets with Khalaf

AMMAN, Dec. 20 (Agencies) — Prime Minister Mudar Badran received at his office today a delegation from the occupied West Bank town of Ramallah, led by its mayor, Mr. Karim Khalaf.

Mr. Khalaf, who arrived here Thursday evening from Houston, Texas, where he was treated for injuries he suffered in a June 3 car-bomb attack, voiced his appreciation and gratitude to the Jordanian government for the care and support accorded to him during his treatment.

He said he plans to stay for about a week in Amman before returning to his municipal duties at home.

Minister of Occupied Territories Affairs Hassan Ibrahim today visited Mr. Khalaf to discuss matters related to Ramallah Municipality.

Chadli Klibi off to Baghdad



AMMAN, Dec. 20 (Petra) — Arab League Secretary General Chadli Klibi, left for Baghdad today at the end of a brief visit to Jordan. He was received in audience by His Majesty King Hussein (left), and briefed him on the results of his trip to a number of Arab states with the aim of cleaning the Arab atmosphere. He also discussed with King Hussein means of safeguarding Arab solidarity in the light of the 11th Arab summit which was held here last month.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Exhibitions	Film	Church services
The Jordan National Gallery presents an exhibition of paintings by Subail Bisharat, at the gallery in Jabal Luweibdeh.	The French Cultural Centre presents the third film in its Gerard Philippe film festival, "Le Rouge Et le Noir", at 7:30 p.m. at the centre in Jabal Luweibdeh.	The Church of the Redeemer (C. of E-Anglican/Episcopal) will hold a special Carol and Gift Service, at 12 noon, in addition to its regular service of Holy Communion at 8 a.m. The church is located in the First Circle area of Jabal Amman, near the Ahilyah Girls School (CMS), beyond China Restaurant.
The Department of Culture and Arts, in cooperation with the Embassy of the German Democratic Republic, presents an exhibition of posters at the Art Gallery of the Ministry of Culture and Youth in Shmeisani.	The Amman International Church (International and Inter-denominational) holds worship services each Sunday at 6 p.m. Church school for adults and children is at 5 p.m. Nursery provided. The church meets for worship at the Baptist School in Shmeisani. For information, contact the Rev. Philip de Jonge, Pastor, Tel. 44032.	
The Jordanian Writers' Association presents an evening of poetry at the association's premises. Poets Ahmad Abu Arqub and Mohammad Dumrah will take part, under the chairmanship of novelist Mahmoud Shuqair.		
The Amman Drama Group, in cooperation with the Jordanian Players' Association, presents a play of social criticism, "Skaba", at 7 p.m. at the Department of Culture and Arts Theatre in Jabal Luweibdeh.		

Steadfastness committee urges support for JDEC

AMMAN, Dec. 20 (JT) — The joint Jordanian-Palestinian Committee for Supporting the Steadfastness of the Inhabitants of the Occupied Arab Territories today called for assistance and support to be extended to the Jerusalem District Electricity Company to help it continue its services within its concession granted by the Jordanian government, and to enable it to stand up against an Israeli takeover bid.

Israel Radio reported Wednesday night that the Israeli energy ministry and electricity corporation have begun proceedings to take over the Arab-owned company.

The call came at the end of a meeting held in Amman today at which the committee's activities over the past year were reviewed. The meeting, co-chaired by Minister of Occupied Territories Affairs Hassan Ibrahim and Mr. Hamid Abu Sitta, member of the Palestine Liberation Organisation's executive committee, also dealt with means of granting aid and support to institutions and organisations in the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip. The committee members also reviewed the agenda for its January 1981 meeting.

Mr. Nabulsi said before departing for Damascus yesterday at the head of a four-member delegation to take part in the three-day meeting that the participants will discuss Israel's settlement policies on occupied Arab territory, infringements of Arab residents' rights, and the sale of land to Jews.

Problems facing Arab countries in implementing housing projects and finding construction materials, and a plan to launch Arab cooperation in the research will also be among major topics on the agenda meeting, Mr. Nabulsi said.

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Caterers get small bite of Jordan market

to the Jordan Times

AN, Dec. 20 — The Middle East boom has created a vast of profitable service. Many of these continue and on western expertise. Arab World has a long and culinary tradition; and catering operations have been on local roots.

trial catering in Jordan is a safe affair. The two major ones, Daoud Poon and Abela, are in direct competition. The former is a partner between Jordan's Daoud and the Australian-based group. But, aside from its owner, Mr. Wolf Vierich, the force is almost 100 per cent local.

Abela is a Lebanese which shifted head from Beirut to Britain civil war.

ear, Daoud Poon won the most valuable catering — to provide 5,200 meals at the King Hussein Medical Centre, the biggest medical centre in the Middle East. Abela's Manager, Mr. Fouad, told the Jordan Times that the contractor had submitted a tender for the contract.

had serviced the medical centre seven years previously. were also undercut by Poon for the catering con-



Conveyor belt kitchen at the King Hussein Medical Centre

tract at the Princess Haya Hospital in Aqaba. Abela's only contract in Jordan now is cleaning and maintenance at Amman Airport. However, Mr. Nader told the Jordan Times his company's main interest continues to be catering. And he added, "We will put in

tenders for hospitals, if they arise; and we hope, in the future, for drilling companies in Jordan."

Hospital catering is a highly specialised business. At the King Hussein Medical Centre, Poon has to provide as many as 400 meals a day for people on specialised

diets. Conditions have to be scrupulously hygienic. And Poon's management admit it is often difficult to get staff, as the hotel and restaurant business is traditionally more appealing to trained employees.

All rest of the hospitals in Jordan run their own catering facilities, though Poon provides consultancy services for the University of Jordan Medical Centre and the new Islamic Hospital.

Attempts to introduce contracted catering schemes on other major projects have failed. Jordan has none of the problems with remote projects that Saudi Arabia or Libya do, and workers on the potash or other construction schemes find it easy and convenient to buy or prepare their own food.

But if the industrial catering business is slow here, large-scale party fare has a long and tasty history. It's often a family business. Mr. Subhi Jabri, who runs one of the largest carry-out restaurant services in Amman, told the Jor-

dan Times both his father and his father's father had owned their own restaurant.

His two sons have followed the family example. Mr. Jabri recalls preparing 1,000 dishes and 100 sheep for a banquet for King Abdullah in 1947. And though such splendid occasions don't happen often, parties for two or three hundred people are every-day events.

The Middle East could well claim to have pioneered the carry-out food industry. More than a hundred years ago, Jordanians were popping down to the local take-away for the family muntazif.

Since then it has remained very much a family affair, with each establishment training its own staff. But 1981 should see the opening of Jordan's first catering college, sponsored by the Ministry of Tourism. Here the expertise of experienced caterers will be shared, with who knows what scrumptious results!



Food inspection at the medical centre

ART REVIEW

E. German culture portrayed in posters

By Meg Abu Hamdan

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, Dec. 20 — Posters — no big city would be complete without them. Rows of them in undergrounds, on roadsides and walls, inches deep as one supercedes another on battered billboards, they are inexorably part of modern life.

Posters are for advertising — advertising everything from propaganda to tomato sauce; and the exhibition of posters from the German Democratic Republic now on show at the Ministry of Culture and Youth is no exception. These posters, however, are advertising cultural events — of which, happily to say, the country has many, and in all avenues.

Over 35 posters are on display, and they make a colourful and varied show. There are serious pictures for the more highbrow events, and cartoons and fantasies for the more popular ones — but most do what they are supposed to: catch your eye and attract your attention.

The one which achieves this aim most strikingly is undoubtedly the poster advertising the opera "Carmen". Filled with dashing lines, the drawing depicts a black bull, pierced with the three banderillas, charging and tossing a white horse and its rider while the matador looks on in horror. There is enough blood to turn the opera into an adults-only show.

There are many posters advertising musical events, for example "La Traviata" — a swirling pencil line drawing of a sad downward-looking lady in 18th century dress and "The Three Musketeers" and "Nicht nur Liebe", comic cartoons in gay colours. Each poster leaves one in no doubt as to the type of music to be expected.

Bertolt Brecht, the most important German playwright of the 20th century with his unorthodox "dialectical theatre", has plays advertised in several different posters, giving a hint at his continued popularity and that of the theatre group he founded, the Berlin Ensemble. The posters are

low-key, the name itself obviously sufficient to draw the public.

Another popular playwright is Anton Chekhov, and the posters for his plays are among the best; especially that for the play "Two Sisters". Here the back of a woman, hair up under a large brimmed hat, Edwardian style, is punctured by deep black holes, like boreholes in a piece of rock. The woman is flesh and blood, but the wounds deny it.

The ubiquitous Shakespearean plays are also as much in evidence here as they are everywhere, and several of the posters are devoted to them. The most attractive is the tortured and haunting image of "King Lear" by the contemporary artist Frank Rüdiger, who does the art work for many theatrical events.

As is usual in advertising art exhibitions, a piece of the artist's work is shown on posters for such events. In this way we can see the work of contemporary German artists such as that of Mechthild and Lothar Mannerwitz, with

their dynamic and geometric expressionism; of Gerhard Lether and his landscapes, and the impressionism of G.K. Muller.

Werner Tübke, although a contemporary artist, paints in the most classic of classical styles, and a detail from one of his huge canvases is used to advertise his exhibition. Evangelical workers with immobile, expressionless faces in white helmets are gathered together, their improbably sensitive, veined hands drawing one's attention by their gestures. Except for their dress, the figures could be from the same period as those of Lucas Cranach, a German Old Master whose work is shown in another poster.

Posters for art and photographic exhibitions, theatre, opera and folk festivals make up this excellent exhibition, which is not only enjoyable from the point of view of the high standard of the posters, but also interesting as an indication of the German Democratic Republic's cultural activities.



The medical centre's cooks prepare meals for thousands

U.S. experts study pesticides' effect on people in Jordan

to the Jordan Times

N, Dec. 20 — A three-American team of pesticides left here yesterday inducing a pilot study on the effects of pesticides on their Jordan.

study covered three types: the direct users of pesticides living in an atmosphere of pesticides and those stored. Mr. Ahmad Khasawneh, Ministry of Agriculture Jordan Times. He added Ministry of Agriculture had 18 types of pesticide of what he described as idly effects.

g our stay in Jordan, we had a study and lab tests on farmers in the Jordan area," said Mr. Jim Baolan, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, who is a member team. "We will study the of our tests and then if exposure to pesticides in Jordan is dangerous that a programme of pesticides to be set up," he told the Times.

use of pesticides in Jordan among most farmers. Unfortunately they are ignorant of proper methods for use, according to Mr.

Mohammad Abu Kaf of the Ministry of Health, which invited the American team to Jordan in cooperation with the University of Jordan.

Mr. Abu Kaf said the study conducted by the American team was the first of its kind in Jordan. It tested the effect of human exposure to pesticides through contact ingestion and breathing, he added.

"If the study proves that the extent of exposure is dangerous, a permanent programme has to be set up to deal with this problem," Mr. Baolan said.

The lab tests on farmers and pesticide spray users were conducted at the Department of Insects and Rodents, which is subordinate to the Amman Municipality. "This newly established department is the party most concerned with this study," the department's deputy director, Mr. Raied Al Sourakhi, said. Mr. Sourakhi said the department's primary goal is to combat insects and rodents in the country with scientific methods.

According to the latest figures, insects and rodents, particularly rats, have caused £2 billion worth of damage in Europe; but in Jordan, no statistics are available on such damage.

The way pesticides are used to

combat insects and rodents in Jordan is apparently not satisfactory and may be dangerous to their users, according to Mr. Sourakhi. "We have embarked on a new plan to fight insects in Jordan in cooperation with German experts. The plan comprises three phases," he said.

The first phase of plan involves the use of poisoned bait either in the sewerage system or inside buildings, changing the bait once a week for three weeks. In the fourth week, a special team will dismantle the sewer pipes and ask the public about the effects of the test. Mr. Sourakhi added that if the results are unsatisfactory, the Department of Insects and Rodents will hang boxes containing bait near each house.

"The pesticides we use with the bait are safer (than other types used elsewhere), and also deceptive to the rats," which often display great intelligence in determining if a certain object is deadly or not, Mr. Sourakhi said.

Mr. Sourakhi also said that the methods his department uses to combat insects would be improved by the recommendations of the American team on the effects of pesticides on users. "When our workers feel that they are safe in using the chemicals, the outcome will be good," he said.



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South Lebanon peacekeeping a hopeless task for UNIFI



Despite many attacks on UNIFIL troops by the militias, the men of the multi-national force find time to celebrate their countries' national holidays. Last spring, the 46th Irish Battalion observed St. Patrick's Day according to tradition, with shamrocks on their berets, dancing, and their favourite singer, Geraldine Barrington, who had come specially from Ireland. (Gamma photos)

By Gavin Bell

BRAACHIT, Lebanon, Dec. 20—The villagers said 10 people had been playing cards at home when the shooting started.

For a few minutes, the night erupted with the flash of explosions, rapid bursts of automatic rifle fire and the screams of the wounded. When the smoke cleared, three of the card players were dead and four of their friends were badly injured.

For the residents of this little farming community in southern Lebanon, the attack by Israeli-backed militiamen was the latest incident in a record of violence that has plagued the area for years. For the United Nations Security Council, it underlined the hopelessness of the task facing a 6,000-strong peacekeeping force — the United Nations Truce Supervision Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) — caught in the cross-fire between Palestinian and Israeli forces.

The coordinated raids against Braachit and four other villages supposedly under U.N. protection took place this week only a few hours after the council renewed the UNIFIL mandate — and the Lebanese government said it might be for the last time.

Addressing the council in New York, the Lebanese representative said that if its latest resolution was allowed to become just "another impossible dream," Beirut would seek no more renewals.

He added that his government would not object to ending the present six-month mandate in mid-term if UNIFIL made no substantial progress toward completing its task.

But senior U.N. officers in the south told Reuters they saw no prospect of ending the bloodshed in the absence of a political settlement between the various warring parties.

The multi-national peace force was established in the spring of 1978 following a major Israeli offensive against Palestinian commando bases in southern Lebanon.

It was charged with confirming an Israeli withdrawal, preventing further hostilities and assisting the Lebanese government to restore its long-lost sovereignty over the region.

But within a few days, UNIFIL commanders found themselves facing what they termed the most difficult mission in U.N. peacekeeping history.

Instead of two regular armies which had agreed to a U.N. military presence, they were confronted by a bewildering array of rival factions which regarded the lightly-armed newcomers with suspicion and hostility.

The Israelis quickly handed over control of a strategic belt of territory along the Lebanese side of the border to local right-wing militias, determined to resist Palestinian infiltration from the north.

And within a matter of weeks, Israeli troops were back in the militia enclave setting up artillery and radar positions, laying minefields and patrolling the rugged countryside at night.

Official U.N. sources said the Israelis were now using a deserted Lebanese village — whose residents have been forced to become refugees elsewhere in their own country — for training in street-

fighting techniques.

The Palestinians and their Lebanese leftist allies have meanwhile maintained a stronghold in the southern port city of Tyre, as well as about 15 small bases in the UNIFIL area of operations.

Repeated Palestinian attempts to slip through the UNIFIL lines under cover of darkness and militia efforts to expand their zone of control have led inevitably to a series of violent clashes.

The latest Israeli-backed raids, said to have been directed against Palestinian commandos were in apparent retaliation for the deaths of three men in an ambush in the militia enclave.

The following night, Israeli commandos skirted around the UNIFIL zone to attack Palestinian bases a few kilometres to the north, and casualties were reported on both sides.

Israeli-supplied tanks as well as heavy artillery on both sides regularly escalate the fighting, often with devastating results.

A U.N. officer said a tragedy was narrowly averted last month when more than 200 infants were evacuated from a kindergarten in Tyre minutes before it was destroyed by shellfire.

The cross-fire has taken its toll on the peace-keeping force, as well as among the long-suffering residents of the area.

Altogether 21 U.N. soldiers have been killed since the force began its mission.

The worst single attack came last April, when the militias shelled the UNIFIL headquarters in the coastal village of Naqoura, following a clash between an Irish U.N. patrol and rightist gunmen.

About 88 heavy mortar bombs slammed into the base camp, and one of them scored a direct hit on the bedroom of the force commander, Gen. Alexander Erskine.

Gen. Erskine was not in the building at the time and there were no serious casualties, but four helicopters and 15 prefabricated huts were destroyed and the field hospital was damaged.

The Lebanese government, overwhelmed by interminable strife elsewhere in the country, has been unable to offer any help other than to send a few gendarmes to help man UNIFIL checkpoints.

Faced with bullets and continual criticism from all sides, senior U.N. officers are pessimistic about prospects of completing the task assigned to them.

Col. Vincent F. Savino, the UNIFIL chief of staff, told Reuters: "It is quite obvious the problem is essentially political, rather than military, and that we cannot progress any further without a political solution."

Other staff officers argue that the issues in southern Lebanon are linked inextricably with the general Middle East conflict, and that they cannot be resolved without a comprehensive settlement in the region.

One ray of hope has been a possible revival of the Israeli-Lebanese Mixed Armistice Commission (ILMAC), established after the first Arab-Israeli war in 1948.

But this would involve *de facto* Israeli recognition that the demarcation line was still the accepted border — and hence reinforce the legality of Lebanon's claims that its territory was being violated.

The Zionist state argues that all armistice agreements were rendered null and void by an Arab declaration of war in 1967, and therefore ILMAC no longer exists.

The commission has not met for 12 years, and informal talks between the two sides earlier this month failed to overcome Israeli opposition to any official ILMAC sessions.

Informed sources in Beirut said Lebanon's warning that it might consider dispensing with UNIFIL could have been an attempt to pressure the Security Council into giving the force an offensive role.

But Col. Savino said there was no question of peacekeeping soldiers fighting to seize control of the militia enclave, or of attacking Palestinian positions.

He added that despite all the limitations placed on UNIFIL, he saw no alternative for preventing another round of major fighting.

"If UNIFIL left, the vacuum would be filled very quickly by other interests, and quite obviously a lot of people would die," he said.

The warmth with which the war-weary villagers of South Lebanon still welcome the U.N. soldiers in their midst clearly indicates that they share the colonel's view.

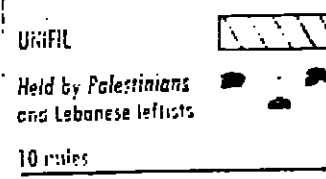
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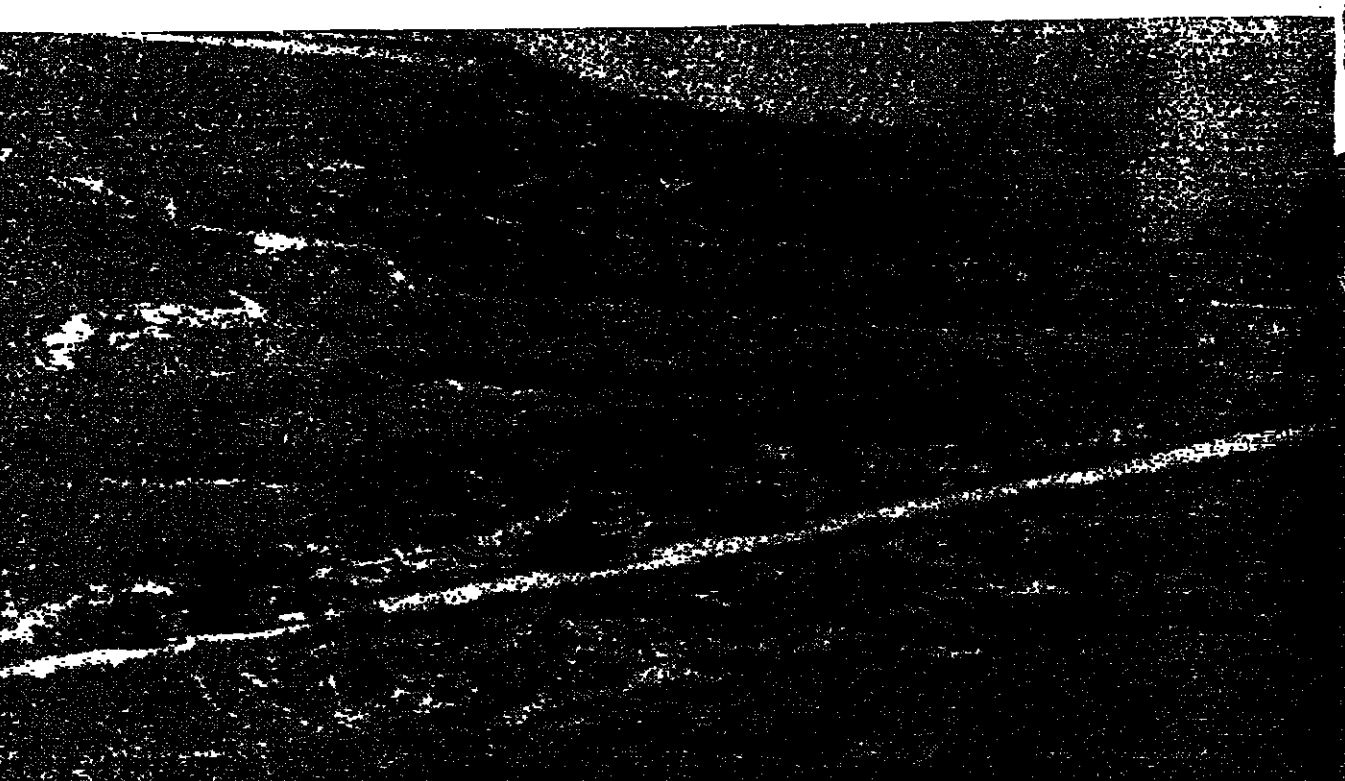
Israeli bombardment of southern Lebanese towns and villages leaves devastating destruction and scores of casualties.



The situation in southern Lebanon has led to the creation of Lebanese army Maj. Saad Haddad's mini-state in the enclave his rightist militia controls between Israel and the UNIFIL area of operations. The mini-state is complete with its own propaganda radio station — the Voice of Hope.



This map shows the UNIFIL area of operations, trapping the 6,000-strong peacekeeping force in the cross-fire between Palestinian and Israeli forces.



A token 500-strong Lebanese army force has not been able to take control of the zone occupied by the U.N. forces in southern Lebanon. Advance has been blocked by the artillery of Maj. Haddad's militia.

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Gulf peace bid...

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the war Iran failed to honour its treaty obligations on equal navigation rights in the waterway.

Iran claimed 180 Iraqi troops killed against six of its own in the Khuzestan combat and in renewed paratroop battles in the snow-blanketed foothills of the Zagros Mountains that command the main highways from Iran's western border to Baghdad.

Although war claims could not be independently verified, the latest communiqués from both sides showed no changes in positions along the 500-kilometre-long front.

Pars said Defence Minister Col. Jawad Fakuri and acting chief of staff Gen. Valliullah Fallahi attended the war council with Ayatollah Khomeini and President Bani-Sadr, but failed to report anything about the outcome of deliberations.

The revelation of Afghan volunteers' presence came in a separate Pars report describing the funeral in the western town of Ilam of a "martyred Afghan brother in the fighting against the Iraqi infidels."

It was the first reference to an Afghan fighter in Iran since the

start of the war. The independent Kuwaiti newspaper *Al Watan* reported last week that 5,000 Afghans have joined Iran's ranks in exchange for an Iranian pledge to send volunteers to fight against Soviet troops in Afghanistan once the war with Iraq is over.

Iraq claimed shooting down three U.S.-made Iranian jets in an air raid on Iraq's northern oilfields at Kirkuk, which feed pipelines to Mediterranean terminals in Turkey and Syria.

Western diplomats in Damascus said today the flow of oil from Kirkuk to Syria's coastal terminal of Banias still was down to zero. The pipeline and the generators that provide power to the pumping stations were blown up by saboteurs Dec. 16 and repair work is under way, the diplomats said.

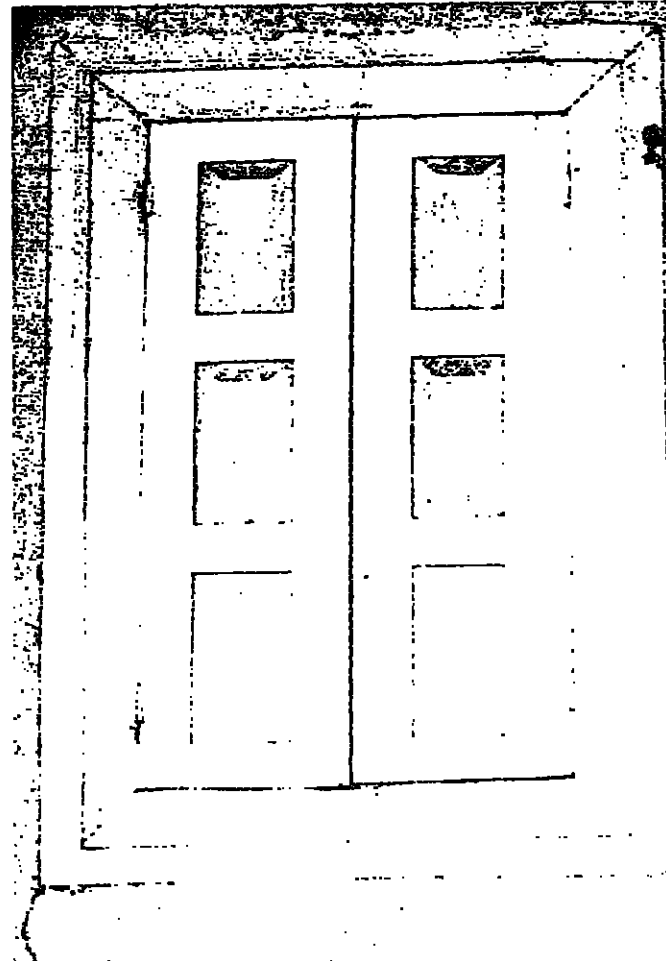
Reports from Ankara said the flow of Kirkuk oil to Turkey's Mediterranean shipping port of Doryol fell sharply from Dec. 12 to Dec. 17 but was now back to 600,000 barrels a day.

Iraq's pre-war exports totalled 3.2 million barrels a day, most of which went out by supertankers from Gulf terminals that have been bombed to a standstill by Iran.

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A 16th century painting from Japan courtesy of the Sinju-an, Daitoku-ji, Kyoto.



Murale from Ghibinti, Sierra Leone.

Another record year for Christmas cards

Good tidings, good cheer and good sales for UNICEF

By Ilona Ross

UNITED NATIONS — 'Tis the season for good tidings, good cheer and good sales for UNICEF greeting cards. As the flood of holiday mail nears, officials of the United Nations Children's Fund say they expect another year of record sales.

Last year, sales of 113 million cards earned UNICEF \$45 million of which \$17.1 million, went to needy children, according to Mr. Ejil Christiansen, director of the greeting card operation.

The first UNICEF card was created in 1949 by Czechoslovakian schoolgirl Jitka Samkova, who wanted to thank the children's fund for food distributed in the lean post-war years.

Miss Jitka's design of children around a maypole was distributed only to U.N. officials. In 1950, with two new designs, UNICEF went commercial and took in a net profit of \$4,200.

About 90 per cent of sales occur in advance of the winter solstice the time when most religious feasts are held — Christmas, Hanukkah, the Indian "Diwali" festival of lights, and the "eids" marking the Islamic new year and the end of Ramadan.

Types
Cards are divided into 11 types based on climate, holiday and geography.

"In South America, they don't want snow," said Mr. Roy Moyer, UNICEF's art director. "In Africa, they don't want Christmas cards, they want Islamic cards."

The United States and northern Europe are the leading markets, Mr. Moyer said. Note-writing is an old Asian tradition too, with Japanese cards from the 8th century still in existence.

Mr. Christiansen says negotiations are underway with China to sell the cards there, now that a UNICEF office is to be opened in Peking. Albania is the only other country that shuns the stationary

Ignorance
Ignorance of local customs has

sometimes landed UNICEF in hot water.

He once had to destroy 500,000 cards depicting a meeting between Prophet Mohammad and Alexander the Great because the screening committee forgot that imagery is forbidden in most of the Islamic World.

No religious cards filter through to Soviet bloc nations, where government committees select mostly florals or landscapes.

Mr. Moyer said he is constantly searching for fresh motifs.

Barred, he said, are "guns, standard cliches, faceless images of racial stereotypes."

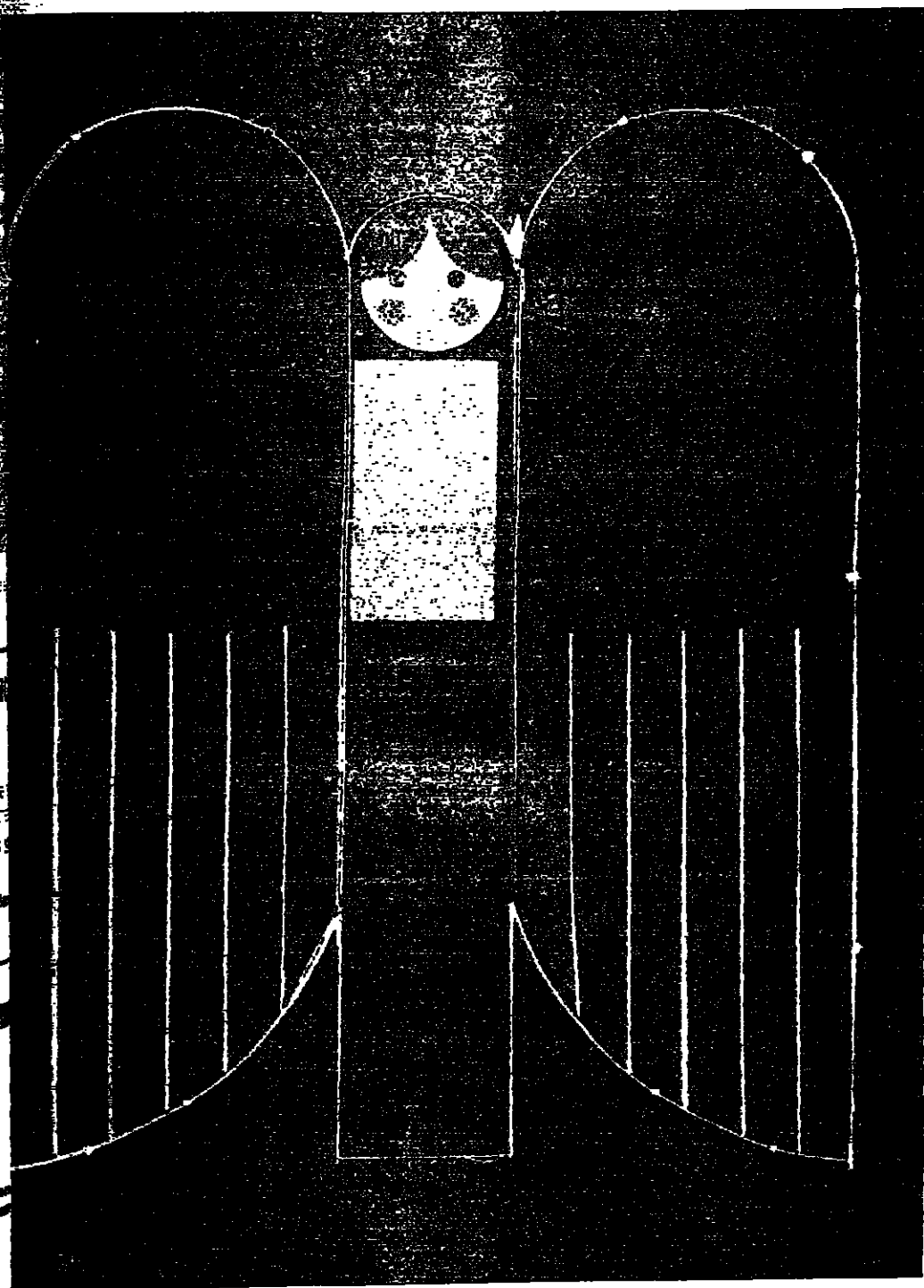
Designs
Sometimes, designs aimed at

specific markets show unexpected success elsewhere. Two best sellers in the West this year are a delicate lotus in stained-glass colours, done with Buddhists in mind, and a sunburst pattern forming the letter O-O-M in English and Sanskrit, which is the sound chanted by yogis and the "primal energy, the start of the vibration that set the world in motion," said Mr. Moyer.

The all-time best seller, with one million copies being printed this year, is the universal peace symbol, a blue and green abstract dove whose wings enfold her young, by U.S. artist Ivan Chermayeff.

Mr. Moyer also draws from the crafts of sub-Saharan and South American lands, where painted art is not a strong tradition. This year he chose a photograph of an intricately worked leather saddle bag made by the Saharan Tuareg tribe and beadwork from a Botswana woman's loincloth.

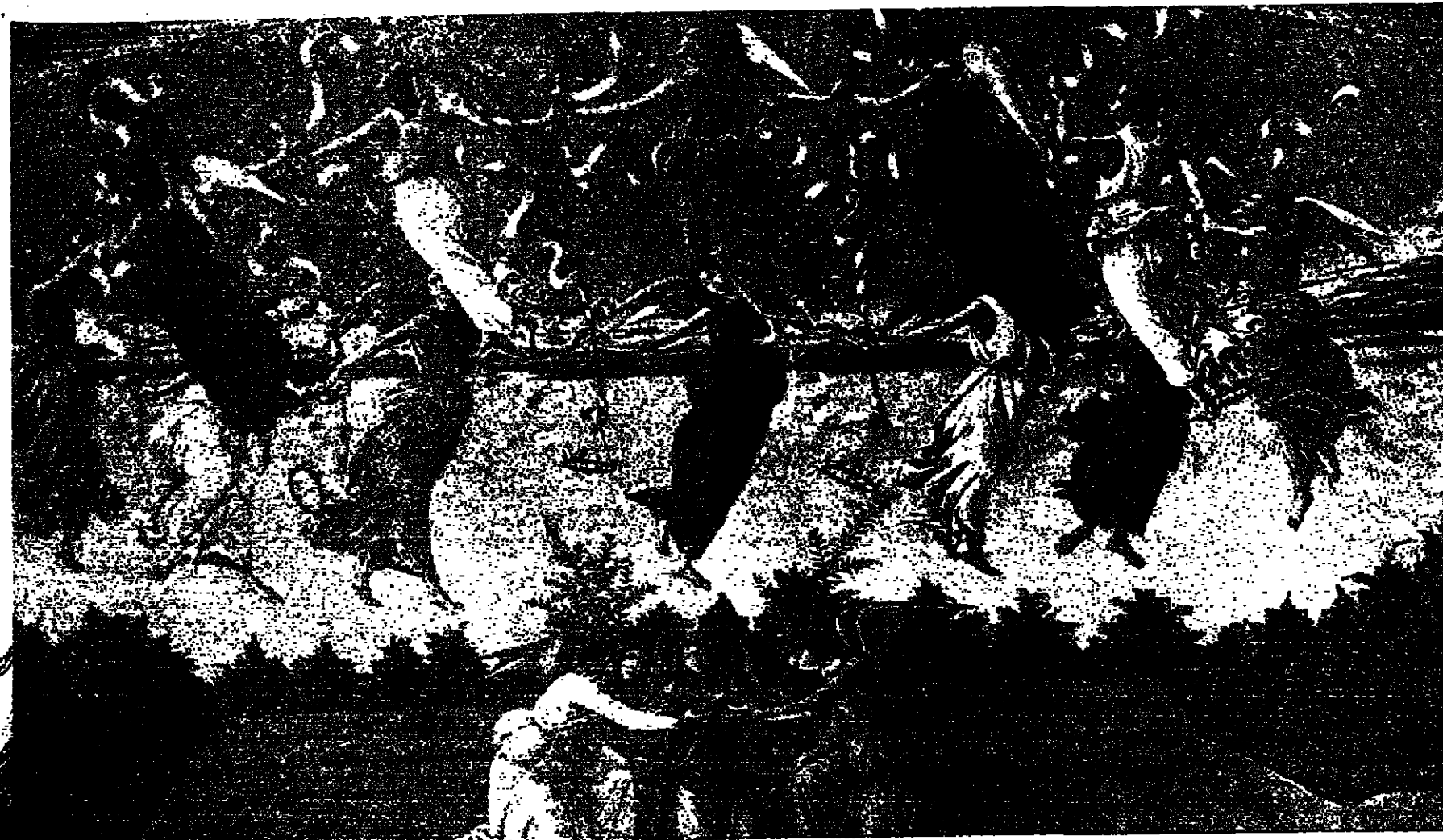
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Japan expects year of growth

TOKYO, Dec. 20 (R) — Japan expects considerable economic growth in the coming financial year, despite anticipated slow-downs of major western economies.

The cabinet today endorsed an Economic Planning Agency (EPA) view that sets a goal of 3.3 per cent inflation-adjusted growth for the financial year starting April 1, which would continue to keep Japan ahead of its slower growing rivals in North America and Western Europe.

The healthy outlook, 1.5 percentage points higher than the current fiscal year, is to be met partly through an export push.

This is despite the threat by western governments to cut Japanese imports because of concern about their own domestic industries, especially in the highly competitive car and electronics markets.

The EPA expects a rise in exports of about 11 per cent, while imports will go up 8.4 per cent. This would almost double Japan's trade surplus with the rest of the world next year.

The only negative factors facing the economy, as cited by the government, are the problems of stable oil supplies for a country wholly dependent on imported fuel and expected jumps in world food prices because of poor weather in major agricultural nations.

The Japanese outlook said that while major western economies would be under strain in the coming months, there should be an improvement starting next autumn.

No pact on export aid

Meanwhile, in Paris, major western industrial nations and Japan failed to agree on new interest rates for official export credits at a two-day meeting which ended last night, chief U.S. delegate Robert Cornell said.

Mr. Cornell told journalists the United States would now raise its rates closer to the interest level of U.S. domestic markets.

The exact size of specific increases would depend largely on the period of the loans, he said.

The negotiations were attended by the 22 nations of the Organ-

isation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) consensus on export credits.

Mr. John Duff, deputy head of the U.S. Export-Import Bank (Eximbank), said the United States would remain in the consensus agreement among western industrial states, which expires at the end of the year.

Mr. Cornell blamed European Common Market countries for the failure of the talks, but EEC delegates said the United States and Japan had also been unwilling to change their bargaining positions.

The U.S. Eximbank said earlier this week that it was facing its first operating loss, partly due to matching the cheap-loan policy of France.

Eximbank chairman John Moore released a statement saying the bank, which has been self-sustaining and never lost money since it was founded in 1934, might run an operating loss in the 1981 financial year that began on Oct. 1.

He said the bank also expected to run at a loss in the 1982 fiscal year due to "sharply increased expense costs."

U.S. policy prohibits Eximbank from subsidising American exports. So, in an effort to compete, the United States has been lending money to foreign governments at low rates while borrowing in money markets at much higher rates.

Prime interest rates here are now 21.5 per cent.

The U.S. wanted a sharp increase in the interest rates, now ranging from about 7.25 to 8.75 per cent, charged on export loans by OECD nations.

U.S. officials have said that, unless the OECD raises its export loan rates, the United States might retaliate by extending the time it allows foreign governments to repay Eximbank loans. The period at present is usually 10 years.

Eximbank usually pays dividends to the U.S. Treasury on its earnings, but as a result of the rising costs of export competition, it will put its net income for the 1980 fiscal year — amounting to \$109.6 million — into a special reserve fund in anticipation of future losses.

UAE urges neighbours to guard oil reserves

MANAMA, Dec. 20 (AP) — The United Arab Emirates has urged other Gulf states to step up oil prospecting to replenish diminishing supplies, even though a report issued this week estimated Gulf states had 300 billion barrels of reserves left.

The UAE oil minister, Mr. Mansour bin Otaiba, in a recent newspaper interview complained about excessive production and said he was reducing his country's daily average production by 80,000 barrels a day as of Jan. 1.

"This oil must be used frugally, and we must save it for posterity," Mr. Otaiba was quoted as saying in the UAE newspaper *Al-Fajr*.

"Oil will not last forever. It is a depletable resource."

The Qatar-based Gulf Organisation for Industrial Consulting (GIOC) issued a survey this week estimating the proven reserves of crude oil in the Gulf countries at 300 billion barrels.

The survey did not say which Gulf countries were included, but industry sources said it covered Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Kuwait, Iraq and Qatar.

According to GIOC, the survey showed oil reserves in the Gulf countries in January 1980, "when crude reserves amounted to 69 per cent of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) total reserves and 47

per cent of the world's total."

The same survey complained that the Gulf countries were refining only 10 per cent of the bulk of their crude oil production. It showed that the gas reserves in the same countries stood at 246.2 trillion cubic feet by the end of 1979.

Total gas reserves, according to GIOC's survey, accounts for 34.9 per cent of OPEC member countries' total gas reserves and 9.6 per cent of the world's proven total.

GIOC sources said eight gas plants currently operating in the Gulf countries — three in Saudi Arabia, two in Kuwait, two in Qatar and one in the UAE — were producing a total of 3.8 billion cubic feet of liquefied gas a day.

The bulk of the gas coming out of the Gulf oil fields has previously been flared away as waste.

The number of gas plants in the surveyed countries is expected to reach 16 by mid-1982, industry sources said.

In Qatar, sources said the third gas processing plant has been blueprinted and the government was to invite tenders from U.S. or German firms for its construction. Qatar has upgraded its proven gas reserves in the vast northwest gas field, known as the "Dome" because of its symmetrical shape.

The Dome's reserves were officially estimated at 50 trillion cubic

feet of gas, compared with a previous estimate of 31 trillion cubic feet.

The projected gas plant will cost about \$2.59 billion, according to an official estimate.

UAE deal with India

NEW DELHI, Dec. 20 (AP) — The United Arab Emirates will supply 500,000 tonnes of additional oil supplies to India in 1981, an Indian spokesman said Saturday.

The announcement followed a meeting of the Indo-UAE joint commission and meetings between UAE Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Rashid Abdullah Al Nuaimi and Indian leaders.

Mr. Al Nuaimi held talks with-out aides with Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and External Affairs Minister P.V.N. Rao on Friday, soon after arriving on an eight-day official visit.

Mr. Al Nuaimi assured the Indian side at the meeting of the joint commission that the UAE also was prepared to consider increasing fuel supplies to India on a "long term basis."

Mr. Dixit told reporters that the two sides also discussed the likelihood of increased Arab funding for Indian tourism projects and the hotel industry. Also under discussion is the construction of a giant oil refinery in India, partially funded by the UAE, which would have a production capacity of two million tons.

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Belgium franc	97.00/97.60
Japanese yen	
(for every 100)	148.60/149.50

Brazil to join price-setting group

Pepper producers prepare to shake up world market

KUCHING, Malaysia, Dec. 20 (R) — In an attempt to stem falling prices, the world's major producers of pepper are getting together to bring their collective weight to bear on consuming nations.

At a meeting here, Brazil, which supplies 26 per cent of world pepper output, applied to join the already established International

Pepper Community (IPC) of which Malaysia, Indonesia, India and Madagascar are the founder members.

Prices have fallen by up to 20 per cent this year and are currently around £750 (\$1,740) a tonne for Indonesian black pepper in the spot market, and £1,000 (\$2,300) for Brazilian black.

The situation has been bad that recently about 100 pepper growing states down large number of trees to draw attention. They depend on subsidies from governments claiming that current not even cover production costs.

AMMAN STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

Name of Company	Par Value	Number Traded	High	Low
Islamic Bank 50%	JD 1,000	1,086	1,810	1,800
Jordan-Gulf Bank	JD 1,000	2,065	1,690	1,690
Housing Bank	JD 1,000	2,000	2,060	2,060
Arab Investment Bank	JD 1,000	100	1,720	1,720
Industrial Development Bank	JD 1,000	500	1,550	1,550
Jordan National Bank	JD 5,000	2,469	17,060	16,650
Cairo Amman Bank	JD 5,000	45	14,460	14,450
Arab Bank Co. Ltd.	JD 10,000	20	122,000	122,000
Arab Financial Foundation (Jordan) 80%	JD 10,000	50	11,300	11,300
Arab Union Insurance Co.	JD 1,000	1,944	1,550	1,550
General Insurance Co. (New)	JD 1,000	990	1,490	1,490
General Investments Co.	JD 1,000	10,000	1,250	1,250
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1,000	586	2,070	2,060
Arab Investment Hotels Co.	JD 1,000	600	0,950	0,950
Arabian Investments and International Trading Co.	JD 1,000	1,000	0,850	0,850
International Construction and Investments Co.	JD 1,000	6,000	0,860	0,860
Jordan Cattle and Poultry Co.	JD 1,000	10,000	0,700	0,700
Dar Al Sha'b For Press, Publications and Distribution	JD 1,000	2,700	0,950	0,940
Jordan Dairy Co. (New)	JD 1,000	1,749	1,300	1,300
General Mining Co.	JD 1,000	2,555	1,530	1,530
Arab Aluminium Industries Co.	JD 1,000	775	1,280	1,270
Industrial, Commercial and Agricultural Co.	JD 1,000	18,846	3,530	3,510
Arab Chemical Detergents Industries Co.	JD 1,000	2,100	2,800	2,800
National Steel Industries	JD 1,000	2,000	1,950	1,950
Dar Al Daw' Development and Investment Co.	JD 1,000	2,562	3,660	3,640
Jordan Worsteds Mills Co.	JD 1,000	1,000	3,000	2,990
Jordan Ceramics Industries Co.	JD 1,000	525	1,270	1,270
Jordan Weaving and Spinning Co.	JD 1,000	1,420	0,710	0,710
Jordan Lime and Silicate Bricks Industries Co.	JD 5,000	100	5,750	5,750
Jordan Tanning Co.	JD 5,000	15	10,500	10,500
Arab Pharmaceutical Industries Co.	JD 5,000	110	28,000	28,000
Jordan Petroleum Refinery Co.	JD 5,000	571	9,100	9,090
Jordan Cement Factories Co.	JD 10,000	713	19,470	19,460

Total volume of shares traded on Saturday, Dec. 20, 1980: JD 210,392

Total number of shares traded: 77,196

Government Development Bonds

Year of Maturity	Par Value	Number Traded	Volume Traded	High
1989 8 1/2%	JD 10,000	238	2,380	10,000
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ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) You are able to carry through with some creative work and get excellent results. Make plans for the future.

Taurus (Apr. 20 to May 20) Get rid of some strenuous condition at home and maintain concord there. Avoid one who may want to harm you in some way.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Go to places where you can express your finest philosophy of life. Be more precise handling a personal matter.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Be sure to follow all rules and regulations that apply to you. Contact good friends in person and discuss the future.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Contact influential persons and get their advice for gaining personal aims. Take no action with your reputation today.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Don't be forceful with anyone in the day. Try to be with persons with whom you are much in common. Be poised.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) Plan how to please one who has done you many favors in the past and then carry through. Strive for happiness.

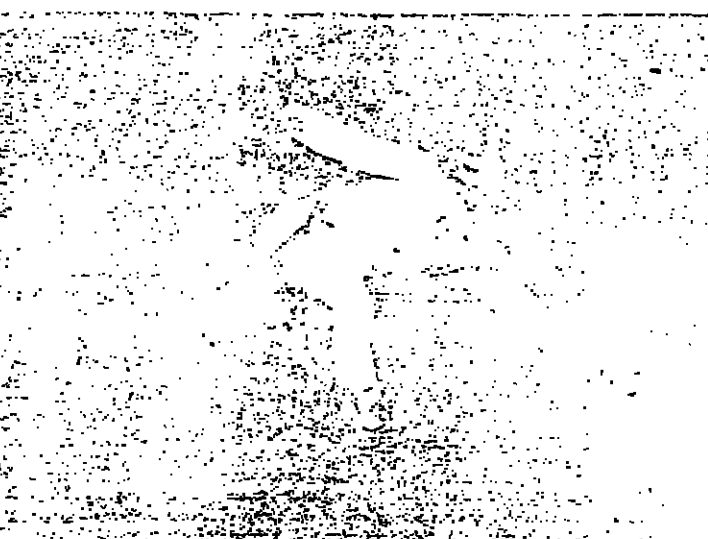
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U.K. football roundup

LONDON, Dec. 20 (AP) — Liverpool, for whom the annual cup has become something of a Christmas tradition, moved back to the top of the English First Division table.

The Reds averaged a crushing 4-1 away defeat by Tottenham in a month-long by beating them 1-0 at Anfield, England International Football Federation, scoring with a header in the 15th minute.

Aston Villa, who had pushed the champions to the top spot last Saturday, were humbled 1-0 by struggling Preston and fell from a point clear of Ipswich, who won impressively 3-1 at Birmingham.



The Federal Republic of Germany's football team are close to winning the European Championship. They have just won the final preliminary games in impressive style and with a head of eight goals. The final round practically appears to be a formality. West Germany is a team game for five players, which can suggest the importance of the victory. However, it is played outside on a pitch 20 by 100 meters in size. (AP Wirephoto/Guest-tele)

Liverpool have 52 points, Villa 31 and Ipswich 30, but Ipswich have played two games less than the leading pair.

Ipswich, whose championship hopes took a knock with a 5-3 midweek defeat by Tottenham, struggled to contain Birmingham in the first half-hour. But once England International Manager had given them the lead in the 42nd minute they took control.

John Wark and Alan Brazil snatched their lead in 53rd minute Alan Brazil must have had a lot to say for Birmingham.

Villa pushed back and were sent toward Brighton, who beat them 2-1 in the first Division. But Mike Robinson's 12th goal of the season in the 15th minute was enough to give Brighton a second point.

England striker Terry Forster, playing his first league game for more than seven months after rupturing an Achilles tendon, scored for Birmingham in the European championship kept on the fringe of the championship chase with a 3-1 home win over Sunderland.

Another happy man was Middlesbrough's David Hodgson. He scored his first goal for the club in the 4-1 thrashing of Tottenham.

Scotland's North London rivals Arsenal fired considerably better. Their 2-1 home defeat of Manchester United took them into fourth in the league, six points behind Liverpool.

Northampton, whose players continued their revival with a 4-2 home win over Crystal Palace, whose plight at the foot of the table was highlighted by a 1-0 away defeat by Brighton and Norwich.

Second-placed Leeds, who were 1-0 home defeat by Orient. In Scotland, Dundee United, who were 1-0 home winners in the preliminary league programme, which returned four drawn matches.

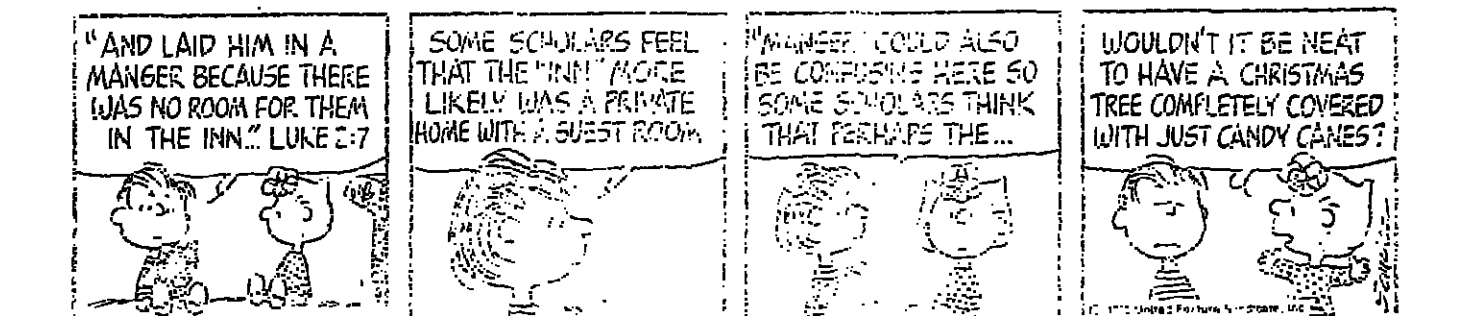
Champions Aberdeen had the chance to win at Partick, but Scotland goalkeeper John Rough punched wide a penalty by International colleague David Strachan to keep the score at 1-1.

Partick had gone ahead with a Kenny Watson penalty after nine minutes. Walker Macdonald equalised 12 minutes later.

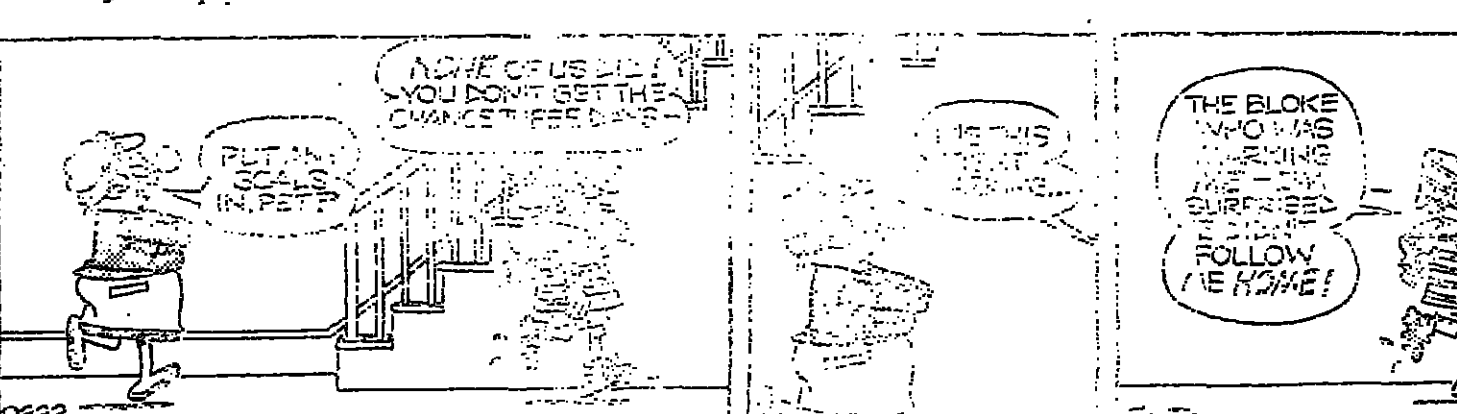
Goal by Tom Macdonald and George Moffat kept Celtic on Aberdeen's heels. Sandy Clark netted a late penalty for Ayr.

Ayr, who had been the biggest surprise of the day by beating third-placed Rangers to a 1-1 draw.

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No explanation for 36-hour delay in announcement

Kosygin to get state funeral, clamps disfavor speculation

MOSCOW, Dec. 20 (R) — The Soviet Union today officially announced the death of former prime minister Alexei Kosygin and said he would be "buried" in the Kremlin walls.

The term "buried" in fact means that Mr. Kosygin will be cremated and his ashes placed in a niche. The Kremlin well behind Lenin's mausoleum in Red Square already holds the ashes of many leaders of the Soviet Union.

The announcement by TASS news agency ended 36 hours of silence in Soviet media since Mr. Kosygin died on Thursday night from a heart attack at the age of 70.

Official word that Mr. Kosygin, who stepped down in October because of poor health, would be accorded a state funeral ended speculation that he might be placed posthumously for his role in managing the national economy.

The official obituary, signed by President Leonid Brezhnev and carried by TASS news agency, carried no hint of official disapproval, effectively praising the former prime minister as "prominent organizer of economic con-

struction"—an apparent reference to his overall management of the economy in the 16 years he was government chief.

It said he had actively taken part in carrying out the Soviet Union's foreign policy, adding: "He truly served our motherland and the Soviet people."

The obituary said Mr. Kosygin had been "distinguished by high party qualities... a man who always had a profound knowledge of whatever he was doing. It praised him for being demanding and principled in carrying out the party's policy."

His utter devotion to the ideals of communism, his selfless labour for the state and his modesty and tactful attitude towards people had won him great prestige in the party and with the people, it said.

It added: "The Soviet people will always keep in their hearts the respected memory of Alexei Kosygin, the true son of the Communist Party and the Soviet

people who devoted all his life to the great cause of building communism."

TASS said the Communist Party central committee, the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet (parliament) and the government announced Mr. Kosygin's death "with deep sorrow."

There was no explanation why official announcement of the news had been delayed so long, though it may have been seen as unsuitable to announce it yesterday on President Brezhnev's 74th birthday.

Speculation that Mr. Kosygin's political standing was uncertain at the time of his death followed the conspicuous lack of personal tribute when President Brezhnev announced his resignation from office on Oct. 23.

A brief message of thanks the following day appeared only as grudging Kremlin concession to public opinion, given Mr. Kosygin's personal popularity.

TASS made no mention of Mr. Kosygin being technically a full member of the party's ruling politburo at his death. He relinquished only his post as prime minister when he resigned on the grounds of ill health.

In its formal announcement of his death, TASS referred only to him as a member of the party central committee and deputy of the Supreme Soviet.

Prosecutor asks severe penalty for silent Gang member

PEKING, Dec. 20 (R) — Former Shanghai mayor Zhang Changqiao was attacked for his defiant attitude in China's special counter-revolution court today and the prosecutor called for him to be severely punished, the New China News Agency (NCNA) reported.



Zhang Changqiao

But the prosecutor, summing up the case, appeared to stop short of demanding the death penalty for Zhang, who has refused to utter a single word during the month-long proceedings against the so-called Gang of Four radicals and six other major defendants.

The summing up, in which the prosecution and defence counsel speak and the defendant is allowed a final word, is the last step before verdict and sentence.

The only gang member still to reach the summing-up stage is Mao Tse-tung's widow Jiang Qing, who was forcibly removed from court eight days ago after a shouting match with a weeping witness.

NCNA quoted the prosecutor as having said Zhang had shown a "defiant attitude" throughout the trial.

He said the state had produced ample evidence to prove Zhang's guilt for crimes committed during the 10 years of the Maoist Cultural Revolution from 1966.

The prosecutor said Zhang, who refused defence counsel and said nothing today, had been charged with "plotting to overthrow the government, inciting armed rebellion, libel, homicide, causing personal injury, and making counter-revolutionary propaganda."

He said Zhang's words had become the programme for action of the Gang of Four in their moves to usurp party and state power.

NCNA said the presiding judge twice asked Zhang today if he had anything to say in his own defence.

Zhang made no reply, and the judge said after a pause: "The defendant did not make any statement and this will be recorded."

During his time in court, Zhang has sat slumped in his chair in the dock with his eyes almost closed. There have been unconfirmed diplomatic reports that he is seriously ill with cancer.



Wang Hongwen

Also in court today, the youngest gang member Wang Hongwen said he admitted all the charges against him and wanted the chance to reform himself.

Feared Christmas bombings may have been a

Both sides claim victory in wake of Irish protest

BELFAST, Dec. 20 (R) — The hunger strike of Irish Republican Northern Ireland's prisons has ended with disputed claims of victory, but relief here that a major Christmas bombing campaign may be averted.

One of the seven men, Sean McKenna, 26, convicted of attempted murder, is still said to be in a serious condition and he was moved last night to an intensive care unit in Belfast's Royal Victoria Hospital.

Police in London had feared an intensive wave of bomb attacks on civilian targets if one of the hunger strikers died.

The end of the fast to death on Thursday was followed by speculation that the prisoners in the Maze jail will end their "dirty

protest, in which they refused to wear prison clothes or work and smeared their cell walls with their own excreta.

Mr. Humphrey Atkins, cabinet minister for Northern Ireland affairs, has said no concessions have been made to the hunger strikers since their fast began 54 days ago.

But the provisional Irish Republican Army (IRA) arranged a series of victory marches to occur tomorrow, saying it had achieved its objective of political status.

A spokesman for the British government said: "We go to what it wants. V status and that's what we want."

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French parliament passes anti-five security package

PARIS, Dec. 19 (R) — The French parliament today passed a sweeping set of judicial reforms aimed at curbing the power of judges and strengthening the role of the police in the fight against terrorism.

The new laws, which will take effect in January, are part of a package of measures aimed at strengthening the French justice system.

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West issues final Poland warning as Madrid talks end first phase

MADRID, Dec. 20 (R) — Western governments today renewed a warning to the Soviet Union not to intervene in Poland as the European Security Conference broke up for a Christmas recess.

The United States, Britain and Canada reinforced warnings already made by NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organisation) alliance countries following reports of Soviet military preparations near the Polish border.

Mr. Max Kampelman, deputy chairman of the U.S. delegation, said Soviet bloc troop movements and preparations in central and Eastern Europe were totally inconsistent with principles endorsed by Moscow in the 1975 Helsinki agreement on detente.

The U.S. and other delegations expressed their fears without specifically mentioning Poland, but the meaning was clear in speeches at the

final session before the Christmas break.

Mr. Kampelman said Soviet arguments that military aggression was justified to protect communist ideology imperil the very existence of detente.

British delegate John Wilberforce said it was vitally important for security and cooperation in Europe that nothing further should be done to cast doubt on the commitment of each of the participating states "to the principles of the Helsinki declaration."

"There should be no fresh use of force or a fresh threat of the use of force anywhere," Canada's delegation leader said.

The statements were concerted to show that the West will be carefully watching developments over Poland during the conference's five-week holiday recess, informed

sources said.

The Madrid meeting, the third such forum on detente since the first European conference at Helsinki, will reconvene on Jan. 27, when a major battle is expected over rival western and communist plans for disarmament.

For the last six weeks, delegates from 32 European countries, the United States, the Soviet Union and Canada reviewed progress made so far in the detente process. Western nations concentrated heavy fire on the Soviet Union over human rights and Afghanistan.

Western delegates told the conference that the Soviet Union's deployment of about 85,000 troops in Afghanistan raised serious doubts about Moscow's readiness to abide by international agreements, including disarmament controls it has proposed.

"Afghanistan has raised basic doubts about the degree to which the U.S. and other nations of the West can rely upon the Soviet Union to adhere to a civilised code of conduct in its international relations," Mr. Kampelman said.

"It will remain a serious burden across the full spectrum of East-West relations until Soviet troops are withdrawn and the independence of that brave and tragic land is restored."

West Germany defends projected military budget

BONN, Dec. 20 (R) — West Germany, responding to sharp criticism from Washington, yesterday reaffirmed its aim of meeting the western alliance's target of a three per cent real increase in defence spending next year.

U.S. Defence Secretary Harold Brown said yesterday he was severely disappointed that Bonn was planning a real rise of only 2.2 per cent in military expenditure.

But government spokesman Burt Becker told reporters today it was too early to determine what the real increase would be, since the inflation rate would not be known until late next year.

"The federal government will continue striving to reach the NATO target," Mr. Becker said, adding: "I think West Germany compares favourably with other European countries."

Defence Minister Hans Apel, in a newspaper interview released today, challenged other NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organisation) countries to achieve similar defence increases to West Germany.

Even before 1981 had started, Bonn could say its defence budget increase would be well over two per cent in real terms, Mr. Apel said.

"Well, let's see someone else do the same," he said in the interview to appear in tomorrow's *Hamburger Abendblatt* newspaper.

Mr. Apel rejected Mr. Brown's criticism, saying he could only assume the U.S. defence secretary had overlooked the fact that West Germany had increased its original defence figure by 700 million marks (\$350 million).

Bonn announced a 6.2 per cent nominal increase in defence spending on Wednesday. The government is expecting a cost of living rise of around four per cent in 1981, though military inflation is calculated by other yardsticks.

Asked to state firmly that Bonn would keep its pledge, Mr. Becker would say only it was "possible" that West Germany would reach the three per cent NATO goal.

He said the cabinet had not considered the possibility of introducing a supplementary defence budget later in the year, but he did not rule out such a move.

Officials here said privately Mr. Brown's remarks came as no surprise, but added that the defence secretary appeared to be twisting the wording of the 1977 NATO statement.

The statement said alliance members would aim to achieve real defence spending increases "in the region of three per cent."

This gave no grounds for Mr. Brown's assertion yesterday that the NATO target ought to be considered as a floor, not a ceiling, the Bonn officials said.

The re-emergence of R.M. Nixon

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20 (R) — Mr. Richard Nixon, the only U.S. president to resign, has emerged from the shadows of Watergate as a valued adviser to incoming President Ronald Reagan.

The former Nixon aide, Mr. William Safire, now a *New York Times* columnist, wrote that Mr. Nixon has extolled Mr. Haig's "deviousness, ruthlessness and other virtues" to Mr. Reagan.

"Alexander Haig is strong on loyalty, intelligence and the image of tough-mindedness," Mr. Safire wrote.

"He is weak on grand strategy and the grasp of political and human subtleties."

"He needed someone to sell Reagan his strengths and to assure him that Haig's weaknesses would be shored up by long-headed men behind the scenes, Richard Nixon did that."

Mr. Safire said Mr. Nixon was strong on global strategy, the nuances of superpower relationships and triangular diplomacy — the play of playing off China and the Soviet Union against each other.

"He is weakest on public trust and acceptability.... he needs top-level access at state, which Haig can give him," the article said.

The appointment of Mr. Haig, who rose quickly from colonel to four-star general and White House chief of staff under Mr. Nixon, was announced on Tuesday.

In selecting Mr. Haig, Mr. Reagan disregarded the controversy that still surrounds his role in the Nixon White House.

Questions have been raised about Mr. Haig's connections with the wiretapping of government officials and reporters to trace news leaks, the turbulent final days of the Watergate scandal in 1974, and President Ford's pardon of Mr. Nixon.

These matters are expected to get a thorough airing when Mr. Haig appears before senators next month to begin hearings on his confirmation as secretary of state.

As Mr. Safire noted, the extent of the former president's influence on foreign policy is yet to be determined.

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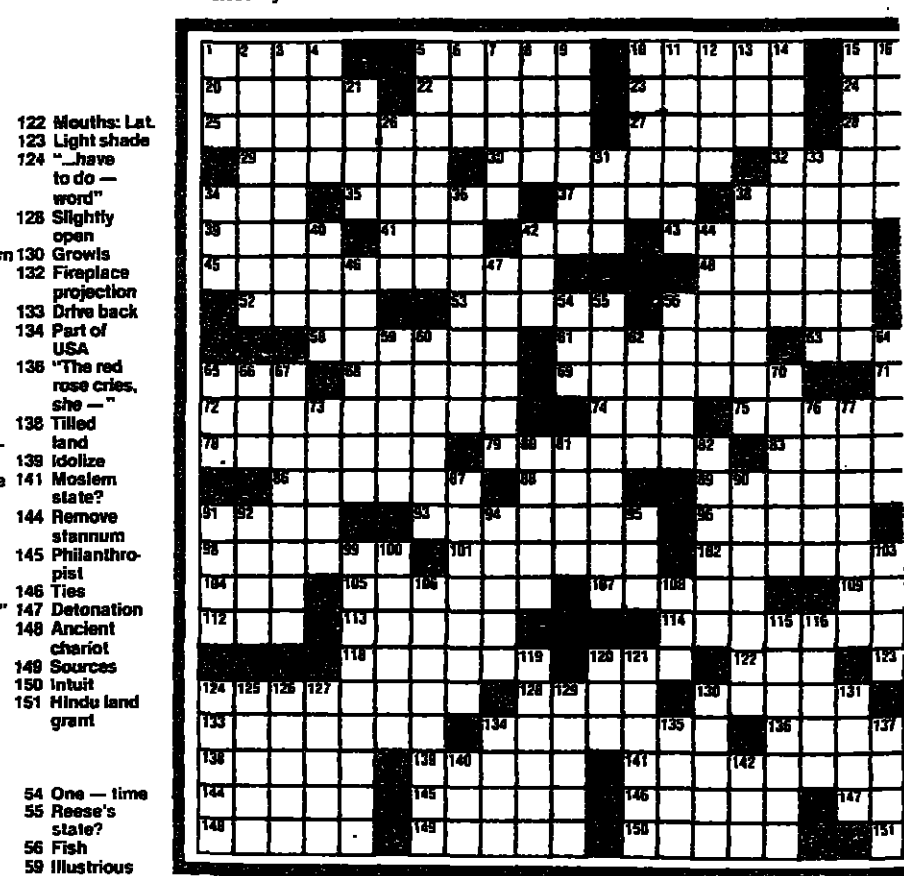
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